(d) to (f) Service providers are expanding and upgrading the Internet Services (including Wi-Fi internet facility) on continuous basis based on the demand of the customers.

Tariff for Internet Services (including Wi-Fi internet facility) is under forbearance. Cost of provisioning of Wi-Fi internet services varies as per the usage tariff plan of different service providers.

Protection of historical monumnets in Orissa

3532. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds have been given for protection of the historical monuments at Jaugada, Ashokan rock edict, Brudhakhola/Biranchi Narayan Sun Temple in Ganjam District of Orissa in the last three years by the Centre;

(b) the works that have been done in these sites;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government to take up the protection of any other new sites; and

(d) if so, the detailed lists thereof alongwith the proposal for the Central Government contemplates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY) : (a) The details of funds utilized in the last three years for the conservation of centrally protected monuments at Jaugada, Ashokan rock edict and Group of Temples at Brudhakhla are as under :-

(Amount in Rs.)

Name of Monument	Funds allocated/Expenditure incurred		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Ashokan, Rock-Edict, Jaugada, Distt. Ganjam, Orissa	4,26,424	-	1,80,255
Group of Temples at Brudhakhla, Distt. Ganjam, Orissa	-	5,400	1,16,000

The Biranchi Narayan Sun Temple is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) The works executed comprise of structural repairs to the monuments as well as routine maintenance and upkeep of the sites.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Orissa has requested for central protection of seven monuments which at present are under State protection. The list of these monuments is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

Out of these, two monuments *i.e.* Biranchi Narayana Temple at Buguda and Group of Temples at Ranipurjharial, Distt. Bolangir have been recommended for Central Protection in the first phase.

The protection proposal for remaining monuments would be finalized only after assessment of their historical, archaeological, artistic importance and verification of revenue details.

Statement

List of Monuments proposed by State Government for Central Protection

Sl. No.	Name of Monuments
1.	Nursinghanath Temple, Paikamal
2.	Madhavananda Temple, Madhava
3.	Leaning Temple, Huma
4.	Jaleswar Temple, Kalarahanga
5.	Nilamadhava Temple, Kantilo
6.	Biranchi Narayan Temple, Buguda
7.	Monuments at Ranipurjharial

Foundation of Taj Mahal

3533. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been observed that the foundation of Taj Mahal at Agra is infested by termites causing damage to the foundation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to preserve and protect the Taj Mahal at Agra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Taj Mahal is in a good state of preservation. The scientific studies carried at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India, Dehradun and Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee have shown that the foundation of the monument as well as its have super structure are stable and secure. Essential convservation works on the monument are regularly carried out by the ASI.

Auction of articles of great Indian Personalities

3534. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent auctioning of memorabilia of great Indian personalities such as Gandhiji, Nehruji and other countries has come to Government's notice; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a standing authority to look into this and acquire all such articles on our own from around the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.